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SUBJ: STUDENTS LEAVE BLACK UNIVERSITY

REF: CAPE TOWN 532

1. SITUATION AT AFRICAN UNIVERSITY OF FORT HARE DESCRIBED IN REFTTEL CONTINUES TO WORSEN AS ALMOST ALL REMAINING STUDENTS HAVE LEFT OR INTENDED LEAVING CAMPUS. STUDENT SOURCE ADVISES ONLY FIVE STUDENTS ATTENDED CLASSES THIS MORNING (AUGUST 7).

2. RECTOR DE WET REFUSED STUDENT DEMAND TO REINSTATE 159 SUSPENDED STUDENTS SAYING HE WANTED DISCUSS MATTER WITH PARENTS' DELEGATION BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION. DE WET STATED THAT A WARDEN'S LIFE HAD BEEN THREATENED AND BLAMED BLACK STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION SASO FOR THE DISTURBANCES. CAMPUS CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY OF SASO WERE AMONG THOSE SUSPENDED. HOWEVER, BY LAST NIGHT ONGY LEADER OF PARENTS' DELEGATION C.M. NDAMSE, FORMER TRANSKEI EDUCATION MINISTER AND FORMER FORT HARE LECTURER, HAD ARRIVED.

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3. COMMENT: IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER AUTHORITIES WILL

END UP BY BANNING CERTAIN STUDENT LEADERS AS THEY DID RECENTLY
AT COLORED UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN CAPE OR WHETHER MORE
CONCILIATORY STANCE WILL BE FOLLOWED. IF PAST PRECEDENT
IS FOLLOWED, A STERN NO-NONSENSE APPROACH IS MORE LIKELY.
IN ANY EVENT STUDENT DISSATISFACTION AT NON-WHITE "BUSH"
COLLEGES WILL DOUBTLESS CONTINUE TO MANIFEST ITSELF IN ONE
FORM OR ANOTHER AS LONG AS BASIC GRIEVANCES PREVIOUSLY
OUTLINED REMAIN UNSETTLED.
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